

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following heading and paragraph at page 1, after the title:

Priority Claim

This is a 35 U.S.C. §371 National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/011284, filed on October 11, 2003. Priority is claimed on that application and on the following application:

Country: Germany, Application No. 10247997.6, Filed: October 15, 2002.

Background of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 5-6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Finally, US Patent No. 4,079,171 describes a molten carbonate fuel cell, in which the matrix contains principally lithium aluminate with a crystalline structure.

Please insert the following heading at page 3, between lines 6-7:

Summary and Description of the Invention

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 19-22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An important advantage of the method of the invention consists in the possibility of complete synthesis of the matrix material. Since the raw materials provided for the method of the invention are commercially available, inexpensive, and already in the required degree of fineness, the method does not require an additional expensive grinding process.

Please insert the following heading at page 6, before line 1:

Example

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 7, after line 11:

Although the present invention has been described in relation to particular embodiments thereof, many other variations and modifications and other uses will become apparent to those skilled in the art. It is preferred, therefore, that the present invention be limited not by the specific disclosure herein, but only by the appended claims.